

4 Firemen Hurt As Engine Hits Paving Blocks

Members of Company 27
Seriously Injured on Way
to Fire in Warehouse of
Crockery Establishment

Truck Is Demolished

Rescue Squad, in Gas Hel-
mets, Rushes Tank of
Chemicals to North River

A fire in the warehouse of a crockery painting establishment at 278 to 280 Broadway, which did not great damage to itself, last night resulted in demolishing an engine and injuries to four firemen who were responding to the alarm. For a time those who approached a tank of chemicals on the floor where the flames started were threatened with being overcome by deadly gas fumes.

It was necessary for the rescue squad to throw the tank downstairs and, still in their gas helmets, to rush it by automobile to North River, where it was hurled into the water.

The fire started about 7 o'clock on the top floor of the five-story building which is occupied by Graham & Zetter, dealers in hand-painted crockery. When members of Engine Company 31 tried to make their way up the stairs they were almost knocked off their feet by the fumes from a tank said to contain sulphuric acid and other chemicals used in manufacturing crockery paint.

Rescue Squad Dons Helmets

It was impossible to get at the flames because of the acid tank. Deputy Chief Harry Helms called for the rescue squad. Members of the squad put on their gas helmets and made their way to the tank, which they disconnected and threw downstairs. Then, with their gas helmets still on, they loaded it into an automobile and made their way at high speed along Canal Street to North River. Here the tank was hurled into the water.

Meantime, it had been noticed that Engine Co. 27, at Franklin and Hudson Streets, which should have been among the first to respond to the alarm, had not appeared at the fire. It was found that the company's engine had struck some new paving blocks at White Street and West Broadway. The engine had skidded, hitting an elevated pillar, putting the machine out of commission and throwing the firemen to the ground seriously injuring four.

Men Who Were Injured

Acting Captain Patrick Mulligan, jaw fractured, left wrist sprained. Aloysius G. Weber, left thigh fractured. William Connolly, left knee fractured.

Cornelius Healy, lacerations on head and legs and both thumbs broken. Patrolman Ryan, who turned in the alarm, sent in a call for two ambulances, and the injured men were taken to Knickerbocker Hospital, being treated by Dr. Thorne, of the hospital staff.

The damage caused by the fire, to the building and contents, amounted to \$5,000.

Hicks for 23,000 Cut In Personnel of Navy

Urges Reduction in Program of
Building That Will Save \$200,-
000.000 to \$300,000,000

Congressman Frederick C. Hicks, of the First New York District, said last night at the National Republican Club that he favored a reduction in the naval program to the extent of \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000, with a commensurate reduction in the personnel of the navy from 143,000 to 120,000, and the postponing of the building of three or four dreadnoughts for the present.

Representative Hicks for years has been what is known in Congress as a "big navy" man, and has assiduously worked for a program aimed at putting the United States abreast of Great Britain.

"In view of the country's financial condition and in consideration of our obligations to the United States and the other nations of the world cooperate in taking a little naval holiday for two or three years until we get our financial breath," said Mr. Hicks.

"The 1915 naval plans call for the building of a great navy. I have been a big navy man for many years. Under all the circumstances I am inclined to think that the present program should be materially curtailed. The naval establishment contemplates a personnel of 143,000 men exclusive of the machine corps, ten dreadnoughts and six battle cruisers.

"We need the cruisers to balance the fleet, and I would not favor eliminating them, but if we could cut off three or four of the dreadnoughts at this time we could save a great many millions of dollars, and if we should keep the navy personnel down to, say, 120,000 men we should still have enough men to man all the ships, and we could get along well."

Girl's Bewitching Eyes Put Her in Reformatory

Cast Spell on Companion as
She Had on Waverly
Home Inmate

Witch hunting received new impetus yesterday in Jefferson Market police court where seventeen-year-old Florence Dazzo of 181 First Avenue was sentenced to Bedford Reformatory for an indeterminate term because of what Katherine McCauley, the probation officer, called her peculiar power of "bewitchery."

The Dazzo girl was accused specifically of exercising this power upon Katherine Kennedy, a girl of about the same age, whose father, Walter Kennedy, is an Assistant Corporation Counsel. The two girls were arrested Wednesday in a Bleecker Street restaurant with Tony Carulli, a dancing master of 235 East Twelfth Street, and Joseph Marida of 33 Seventh Street. The Kennedy girl and the two men were found guilty of disorderly conduct and placed on probation for six months.

When the quartet entered, the Kennedy girl sobbing bitterly, Magistrate Levine sternly ordered the Dazzo girl to keep her eyes turned away from her alleged victim as he had been informed that she had only to look at Miss Kennedy to work her will with her. Miss App. McCauley informed the court that the Dazzo girl's power of "bewitchery" had been exercised malevolently upon the Kennedy girl in Waverly Home while she was there awaiting her hearing.

Dr. Ruickholat Upholds Wife's Plea of Hypnotism

Man Cast Spell on Woman, Then Robbed Her,
Says Doctor; Penniless, He Worked His Way
Here to Defend Her Against Charges of Theft

Confirming his wife's story that a man with "hypnotic eyes" was responsible for her alleged obtaining of jewelry under false pretenses, Dr. Charles A. Ruickholat arrived in New York from Philadelphia yesterday and called on Mrs. Ruickholat in the women's prison in Jefferson Market court. Dr. Ruickholat explained that he had not appeared earlier in his wife's behalf for the reason that he was without funds and had been evicted from his hotel in Washington for non-payment of his bill for lodging and was compelled to go to work to earn enough to take him to Philadelphia, where he was again stranded, and where he earned enough to insure his arrival in New York.

The doctor told Magistrate Levine that the man who had exacted such a strange influence over Mrs. Ruickholat is named Ballard. He said the man had exacted that influence over her since they first met last March, when Ballard presented himself at the doctor's home in New Haven, representing himself as an agent for some property in England which the penniless wife had inherited from relatives.

Dr. Ruickholat asked Magistrate Levine to commit Mrs. Ruickholat to a hospital or some institution. Tears streamed down his face as he told the story to the magistrate and to reporters.

He said he would aid the police in finding the man, who, according to Dr. Ruickholat's statement, was between \$7,000 and \$10,000 from the couple, and has even taken Mrs. Ruickholat's jewelry.

The doctor and his wife, according to the physician's story, parted a little over a week ago in Washington, when she received a telegram from Ballard asking her to meet him in New York at the Hotel Astor. Dr. Ruickholat says she told him it was with reference to the estate. He says he gave his wife all his money but 25 cents, on which he lived for three days. He claims to have started to walk to New York when he heard of his wife's arrest, but was too weak to do so. At one time he was connected with the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital and practiced medicine here, the doctor said.

Magistrate Levine said that if the doctor could produce proof that his wife acted without criminal intent the court would do everything possible for her, but in the mean time it would be impossible to remove her for an institution.

Mrs. Ruickholat comes up for trial January 10, and the doctor will stay with her relatives in Mount Vernon until that time. Mrs. Ruickholat is held in \$10,000 bail, being charged with robbing herself as Mrs. Alfred M. Ruickholat in order to secure jewelry sent here by a New London, Conn., jeweler.

Earlier demands had been for \$82,000.00, and President Anning S. Pratt finally wrote a letter to Mayor Hylan saying that \$77,000.00 was the lowest estimate that could possibly be made.

In his report to the board, Superintendent Ettinger said that while \$50,000.00 had been appropriated by the city, and \$9,000.00 was anticipated and those closely woven with the schools would alone cost \$75,000.00. He asked if evening schools, evening high schools, recreation activities, community centers and other auxiliaries were to be cut down.

Commissioner Somers, acting chairman, said the action of the board in authorizing the Superintendent to proceed on a \$77,000.00 basis, was based on Mayor Hylan's declaration that the schools would not be neglected.

Dog Saves Four From Fire
Thirty tenants of the rooming house at 19 West Fifty-second Street were driven to the street early yesterday morning when a fire in the basement of the five-story building threatened for a time to destroy it.

A pet bull dog was the hero of the blaze and probably is responsible for the rescue of four persons. His barking awakened Francis C. Bonard, who occupied the basement apartment with his wife, Rose, his daughter, Ethel, and Helen Craig, a visitor. Bonard aroused the others and when they were found by firemen they were almost overcome by the smoke.

The house, of which Miss Margaret Merwin, of West Fifty-sixth Street, is the proprietor, is a few doors west of the homes of Cornelius Vanderbilt and Frederick K. Vanderbilt, and the fire aroused both families. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

Bedtime Stories

Peter's Queer New Year

By Thornton W. Burgess

Who wishes for all other folk
A happy New Year fair and bright,
Nor wishes to self a passing thought,
Will start his own New Year aright.

—Peter Rabbit.

Peter has said that very often and he has tried to live up to it. But there are times when it is hard to live up to what one believes, and this New Year Day was one of those times. You see, Peter couldn't think about anything else. In fact, he couldn't think of anything else. And he was hardly to be blamed for that. You see, Peter was a prisoner. Yes, sir, Peter Rabbit was a prisoner, and there wasn't a thing he could do about it.

You remember how he had gone into a certain old hollow log for a nap. Now it happened that while he slept the weather had changed and a snow-storm had come up. At the first hint of that storm Prickly Porky the Porcupine had climbed down from the big hemlock tree where he had spent day and night while the weather was pleasant and had crept into that hollow log for shelter, not knowing Peter was in there. It would not have made any difference if he had known, but Peter had made all the difference in the world to Peter had he known that Prickly Porky was going to use that hollow log.

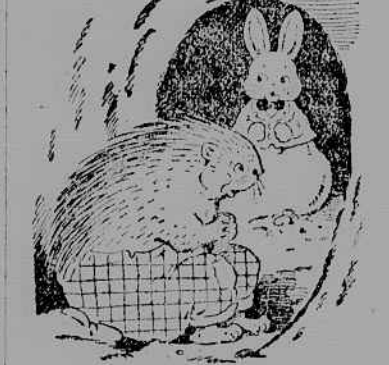
But Peter hadn't known anything about it until he was awakened from a bad dream by being pricked on the nose by one of Prickly Porky's little spears. Then he had discovered that reality is sometimes worse than the worst of dreams. The big branches of that dream were bad enough, but they were not so bad as those terrible little spears which were making him a prisoner in that old log.

At first he made himself as small as possible in the end of the log, thinking that after a while Prickly Porky would leave. But Prickly Porky had no intention of leaving so long as that great dream of Prickly Porky's was in his mind. Peter didn't know anything about that, at least he didn't at first. If he didn't know he wouldn't have made it a little easier to be kept a prisoner. Prickly Porky did a great deal of fretting and grumbling to himself, and every time he moved the thousand little spears hidden in his coat rustled in a way that made Peter most uncomfortable. Finally Peter got courage enough to say no more.

"If you please, Prickly Porky, won't you let me out?"

"Who is that?" demanded Prickly Porky crossly.

"Me, Peter Rabbit," replied Peter, meekly. "I was taking a nap in here. I didn't know you used this old log. If



"Who is that?" demanded Prickly Porky crossly.

"You'll let me out I'll be ever so grateful."

"Huh," grunted Prickly Porky. "If I should let you out inside of two minutes you would be begging me to let you in again. Now you are here you'll have to stay. I wouldn't let you out as my head out in that storm for anybody. Some people don't know when they are well off."

Then Prickly Porky settled himself comfortably and went to sleep. But Peter didn't sleep. He couldn't. In the first place he had a long nap, so he wasn't sleepy. In the second place he had squirmed himself so far back in the end of that old log that he was most uncomfortable and he didn't dare move for fear of brushing against those terrible little spears of Prickly Porky.

So all that long New Year's Day— for it happened that it was New Year's Day—Peter spent wishing he had headed little Mrs. Peter and remained at home in the dear Old Bluepatch. And all day long Prickly Porky slept while outside a great storm raged. It was a queer New Year, the queerest New Year Peter Rabbit ever had known. And the one great wish that Peter made for himself. He wished he could get out.

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The next story: "Peter Learns a Lesson"

Travis's Request To See Minutes Of Jury Held Up

Judge McIntyre Suspends
Argument and Instructs
Counsel for Comptroller
and Wendell to File Briefs

Two Weeks Is Time Limit

Affidavit of Retiring State
Official Demands Speedy
Vindication of Charges

Judge John F. McIntyre, in General Sessions yesterday, suspended argument of the motion made by Max D. Steuer and John B. Stanchfield for permission to inspect the minutes of the October additional grand jury, which on Wednesday, indicted State Comptroller Eugene M. Travis and Comptroller-elect James A. Wendell. Counsel were instructed to submit briefs within two weeks.

Travis and Wendell were indicted jointly with Albert L. Judson, a broker charged with fraudulent auditing of state accounts and with grand larceny in the first degree. Judson, however, was not represented in court yesterday.

The argument made by Steuer, who represents Travis, was that much of the testimony given at the John Doe inquiry before Justice Kernochan was immaterial and incompetent and that in the famous "moral obligation sale" Travis saved the people of the state \$88,100, instead of paying \$100,650 in excess of the value of the bonds. The securities were purchased for \$2,013,000 through Judson from Fanshawe & Company.

Travis's Affidavit Read
Steuer then read extracts from an affidavit submitted by Travis, in which the latter declares that he is absolutely innocent of all the charges against him.

"I am absolutely innocent of each and all of these charges," reads Travis's affidavit. "I never converted a dollar of the money of the State of New York nor the sums mentioned in the respective indictments, nor any part thereof, at the times mentioned in the indictment or at any other time. I never took, with force and arms or otherwise, a dollar of the state's money unlawfully; neither the sums mentioned in the respective indictments nor any part thereof. I have times mentioned in the indictments nor at any other time."

"I have been a Senator of the State of New York six years and Comptroller of the State of New York four years. My term of office is about to close. I have always borne up to this time a spotless reputation. This indictment was a matter of great grief to me and the members of my family."

Wants Speedy Vindication
"I have directed my counsel to take steps immediately to rid me of this blot upon my reputation. I wish these minutes to be obtained at the earliest possible moment in order that it might be conclusively demonstrated thereon and therefrom that there was no evidence before the grand jury that reflected on my conduct as a servant of the state."

"I am now at large and on bail in the sum of \$5,000, and that, too, I wish removed, not because it is a hardship upon me to furnish it, but because it is a reflection upon my integrity. There has been very much publicity given to these proceedings and to the indictments in which they resulted, and I am desirous of obtaining my speedy vindication."

Mr. Stanchfield, in making his argument in behalf of Comptroller Wendell, said that in no place in the testimony before Justice Kernochan was there any accusation against the defendant had taken any part in the purchase of the bonds, and added that Wendell had been exonerated when Justice Kernochan refused to hold him for action by the grand jury.

Assistant District Attorneys Robert S. Johnston and Ferdinand Pecora argued against the granting of the motion. Mr. Pecora held that the testimony given at the John Doe inquiry amply justified the grand jury in taking the action it did. He also urged Judge McIntyre not to be swayed by the fact that the defendants were men of public prominence.

Weather Report

Sun rises, 7:29 a.m.; Sun sets, 4:55 p.m.
Moon rises, 12:12 a.m.; Moon sets, 11:44 a.m.

Local Forecast.—Partly cloudy to-day, to-morrow unsettled and warmer, probably rainy; moderate to fresh east to south winds.

Local Official Record.—The following official record shows temperatures during the last twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

2020, 1919.
3 a. m., 35 30 3 p. m., 40 35
6 a. m., 39 31 6 p. m., 40 35
9 a. m., 41 33 9 p. m., 35 32
12 noon, 44 36 10 a. m., 42 35

Highest, 44 degrees, at 2 p. m.; lowest, 30 degrees, at 6 a. m.; average, 40 degrees; average same date last year, 31 degrees; average same date for thirty-three years, 35 degrees.

Humidity
5 a. m., 62 10 p. m., 54 8 p. m., 69

Barometer Readings
5 a. m., 29.951 10 p. m., 29.958 8 p. m., 30.17

General Weather Conditions
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The North-west disturbance has moved east-southward, and was central axis extended eastward. It has been attended by rain in the middle and Pacific states and by snow in the north Rocky Mountain region, north Dakota, and northern Michigan. Snow has fallen in New York, New Jersey and northern New York, and light rain in the lower Mississippi Valley.

Temperatures continued considerably above normal east of the Rocky Mountains. The outlook for cloudy weather in the states east of the Mississippi River Saturday, with rain from the lake region southward over the Ohio Valley, Tennessee and the eastern Gulf states. Rain is probable in middle and southern and snow or rain in northern portions of the Mississippi River Sunday. There will be little change in temperature Saturday, but colder weather still over the region of the Great Lakes, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee and the eastern Gulf states Sunday. Moderate temperatures will continue in the Atlantic states until Sunday night.

District Forecasts.—Eastern New York: Partly cloudy to night, probably snow in north portion. Saturday, Sunday unsettled and warmer, probably snow.

Store Hours
9 to 5

JOHN WANAMAKER

Broadway at 9th
New York

This News in Advance for Monday

This Store is closed today and evening newspapers are not published. As we do not advertise on Sunday we present this morning in advance some of the news of

The 68th Original Sale of WHITE

In Some of the Sea Ports of the World

the solemn old custom is kept up of blessing the ships before sailing on long voyages, especially when there is a fleet of schooners and luggers going out for several months to distant waters for the season's fishing.

The priest reads the service and choirs of men and boys sing and hundreds of sturdy, devout men, with bowed heads, receive the benediction of their Church.

Starting the New Year seems like entering upon a long voyage. It is such a small matter to wish each other

A Happy New Year

but we can do much more by resolving to try to do something to make each other's years happier.

(Signed)

John Wanamaker
January 1, 1921.



Featured on the Main Aisle Monday

Crepe de chine lingerie at \$1.85—envelope chemises, bloomers and step-in drawers.

Femina and L. R. Corsets at \$2.95—the models we always sell.

Philippine hand-made gowns, hand-scarloped, \$1.95.

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Voile blouses (a few batiste), daintily fashioned with drawn-work, lace or embroidery, \$2.95.

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From Philippines and Porto Rico

Of fine nainsook from the Philippines and Porto Rico; of linen from the Philippines—all made by hand and all at remarkably low prices.

For as little as \$1.95

1,000 hand-made nightgowns and corset covers, at \$1.95.

Also 5,000 hand-made nightgowns, corset covers, chemises and drawers, embroidered and with simple scalloped edges. . . . \$2.65, \$3.95, \$5, \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$7.50

Linen Lingerie

from the Philippines

Copies of French models and, of course, hand-made, and hand-embroidered. The beautiful things we have had in our own stocks.

Gowns, \$5.75 were \$8.50; \$8.50 were \$12.50. Envelope Chemises, \$5.75 were \$8.50; \$8.50 were \$12. Straight chemises, \$5.75 were \$7.50; \$8.50 were \$9.75. Drawers, \$3.95 were \$4.50; \$5.75 were \$7.50. Bodices, \$3.95 were \$5; \$5 were \$7.50.

Silk Lingerie

from Japan

Hand-embroidered, but not hand-made.

\$8.50 were \$12—gowns of striped habutai silk.

\$6.50 were \$8.50—envelope chemises of crepe de chine.

\$6.50 were \$8.50—petticoats of Japanese silk, hand-scarloped and embroidered.

\$5 were \$7.50—bodices of crepe de chine, also from Porto Rico.

Crepe de Chine Lingerie

2,500 pieces at \$1.85 to \$8.75

This sale marks the return of the best quality at these low prices.

1,000 pieces at \$1.85

1,000 envelope chemises, bloomers and step-in drawers, made of crepe de chine, in tailored or lace trimmed styles.

1,500 pieces at \$3.85

The most unusual purchase of unusually fine quality crepe de chine gowns, envelope chemises, bloomers, step-in drawers and vests; made in simple tucked, tailored fashions or the more alluring lace trimmed models.

Generous patterns, good quality ribbons and laces, good workmanship have been carefully maintained in each garment.

Many gowns, chemises and bloomers are made to form sets.

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Gowns and envelope chemises of white nainsook are trimmed with a narrow edge of embroidery or lace. A few pink batiste garments are in this collection. All at \$1.

Gowns and envelope chemises of white nainsook are sometimes trimmed with a bit of hand featherstitching, wavy laces, embroideries and tucks. Sizes 36 to 44. All at \$1.85.

Other lingerie—copies of imports, \$5 to \$8.75.

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Batiste Blouses

Hand-made; \$4.50 for the \$6.95 grade

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There is a choice of six carefully designed models, which include the blouse with the jabot full, hand hemstitched, the high-necked blouse, the V-necked, and the blouse with the tiny vestee. Trimmed with hand-drawn work, hand-embroidery, and hand hemstitching. Four models entirely hand-made, two with hand-made collars and cuffs.

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White Sale Corsets

\$2.95 to \$13.95

The corsets we always sell—our regular patrons may secure their favorite corset at the January prices. Also some have been purchased just for this sale.

Parisienne Corsets, \$13.95, were \$18

Fine quality silk brocade corset; satin and lace bound; with elastic gorges; strong garters.

Parisienne Corsets, \$6.75, were \$10.50

Medium bust corset of strong, pink coutil with elastic gorges and lace top; another model for the full figure.

Brassieres, 75c to \$1.25

Were \$1.50 to \$4.50. In models to fit every type of figure. Fashioned of lace, satin net embroidery.

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60 at \$10 for the \$15.75 grade

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The \$17.40 layette is here!

It includes everything a mother needs—31 pieces. Other layettes at \$27.50. Hand-made layettes, \$